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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SECOND MEETING BETWEEN GOG FONMIN WILLS AND
SECRETARY KISSINGER

1. WHEN I SAW GOG FONMIN FRED WILLS APRIL 28, HE SHOED ME CABLE
JUST RECEIVED FROM CEDRIC GRANT, GUYANA'S HIGH COMMISSIONER,
LUSAKA, IN WHICH GRANT SAID HE HAD SPOKEN TO SECRETARY KISSINGER
WHILE LATTER IN LUSAKA AND THE SECRETARY SAID HE FOUND HIS MEETING
WITH WILLS LAST FEBRUARY VERY STIMULATING AND HOPED ANOTHER MEETING
COULD BE ARRANGED "IN MAY". WILLS SAID IT WAS NOT CLEAR TO HIM
WHETHER THE SECRETARY HAD IN MIND FACT THAT THEY BOTH WOULD BE IN
NAIROBI AT SAME TIME OR WHETHER HE WAS THINKING ABOUT ANOTHER
VENUE.

2. RECALLING THAT WILLS HAD LAST WEEK SAID TO ME HE THOUGHT
IT WOULD BE MUTUALLY INADVISABLE TO MEET WITH SECRETARY IN A
"THIRD WORLD SETTING", I SAID I THOUGHT PROBABLY THE SECRETARY
WOULD HAVE HIS HANDS FULL IN NAIROBI MEETING WITH AFRICAN LEADERS
WHOM HE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO SEE DURING HIS PRESENT TOUR OF THAT
CONTINENT. I ASKED WILLS IF HE WERE STILL PLANNING TO RETURN VIA
NEW YORK AS HE HAD EARLIER TOLD ME. HE SAID HIS PLAN WAS STILL
TO LEAVE NAIROBI MAY 9 FOR NEWYORK AND THAT THE TIMING OF HIS
RETURN TO GEORGETOWN WAS FLEXIBLE. HE NEEDNT BE BACK BEFORE
ABOUT THE MIDDLE OF THE MONTH. HE SAID ALSO THAT THE TIMING OF
HIS DEPARTURE FROM NAIROBI WAS FLEXIBLE AND HE COULD LEAVE AS
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EARLY AS MAY 7.

3. IN SHORT, WILLS SAID HE WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO HAVE ANOTHER MEETING WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER ALTHOUGH HE HIMSELF HAS NOTHING SPECIFIC TO BRING UP WITH THE SECRETARY. HE WOULD BE AMEMABLE TO STRETCHING HIS STOPOVER IN THE U.S. IN ORDER TO MEET WITH THE SECRETARY IN WASHINGTON.

4. AS WILLS LEAVES MORNING APRIL 30 FOR LONDON ENROUTE NAIROBI HE SUGGESTED ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETING WHETHER IN NAIROBI OR IN WASHINGTON COULD BE SET UP THROUGH CONTACT BY OUR EMBASSY IN NAIROBI DIRECTLY WITH HIM OR THROUGH LIONEL SAMUELS, GOG CHARGE IN LONDON, WHO WILL BE CONTACT POINT BETWEEN WILLS AND GEORGETOWN DURING HIS STAY IN NAIROBI.

5. INCIDENTALLY, WILLS WAS IMPRESSED WITH INITIAL SKETCHY WIRE SERVICE COVERAGE OF SECRETARY'S LUSAKA SPEECH. HE SID HE THOUGHT SPEECH DENOTD A VERY POSITIVE FORWARD MOVE BY USG AND HIS ONLY CAUTION WAS THAT WHATEVER WE DO MUST BE CARRIED OUT IN FASHION TO CONVINCE BLACKS THAT THERE IS A REASONABLE CHANCE RHODESIA WILL ACHIVE MAJORITY RULE WITHIN TWO YEARS MAXIMUM
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